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SUBJECT: UNIFIL: ARRANGMENTS FOR JUNE 13

REF: JERUSALEM 1594 (NOTAL)

1. UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL URQUHART AND JAMES JONAH PROVIDED MISSOFF ON JUNE 12 WITH BRIEFING OF WEEKEND DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO FINAL PHASE OF IDF WITHDRAWAL. MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS WERE (A) GENERAL KHOURY'S ISSUANCE OF ORDERS TO MAJOR HADDAD TO STAY IN BARRACKS AND TO CEASE SECURITY PATROLS AS SOON AS UNIFIL UNITS ARE DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE AREA, AND (B) HADDAD'S ACCEPTANCE OF THESE ORDERS. LEBANESE PERM REP TUENI
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INFORMED URQUHART ON JUNE 12 OF HADDAD'S ACCEPTANCE ADDING THAT PROSPECTS ALSO SEEMED IMPROVED NOW FOR AN EARLY (PERHAPS BY THE END OF THE MONTH) POSITIONING OF LEBANESE ARMY FORCES IN THE SOUTH.

2. URQUHART DESCRIBED AS UNFORTUNATE THE FLAP PROVOKED BY GEN. ERSKINE'S RADIO INTERVIEW. UNNY ISSUED

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STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS ON JUNE 10: QTE: "IN
REGARD TO THE REPORT OF AN INTERVIEW WITH MAJOR GENERAL
ERSKINE..... THE REPORT APPEARS TO BE BASED ON A MISUNDER-
STANDING AND DOES NOT REPRESENT THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS
RELATING TO ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AS IT IS UNDERSTOOD AT THE
UN HEADQUARTERS. VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE FINAL PHASE OF THE
ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ARE NOW BEING DISCUSSED AND CLARIFIED
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON. WE EXPECT THAT THE
FINAL PHASE OF THE WITHDRAWAL WILL TAKE PLACE AS AGREED IN
AN ORDERLY FASHION." END QTE.

3. TURNING TO THE JUNE 12 MEETING OF GEN. EITAN
AND GENERALS SIILASVUO AND ERSKINE, URQUHART EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO LAST MINUTE HITCHES. HE
SAID EITAN'S COMPLAINT THAT UNIFIL WAS NOT PREVENTING
PALESTINIAN INFILTRATION, HIS ASSERTION THAT UNIFIL
WAS NOT NEEDED IN THE CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES AND THAT UNIFIL
SHOULD AVOID DEPLOYMENT IN THESE AREAS, AND HIS
REMARK THAT THE GOI IS IN POSITION TO INFLUENCE THE
CHRISTIANS TO BE COOPERATIVE ONLY IF UNIFIL DOES NOT
PRESS FOR A HASTY DEPLOYMENT -- ARE WORRISOME TO THE
UN.

4. URQUHART NOTED THAT HADDAD'S ACCEPTANCE OF GOL
AUTHORITY, WHICH UNNY IS TAKING AS AN ACCURATE REPORT,
STRENGTHENS UNIFIL'S POSITION. IN THIS REGARD, KUWAITI
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AMB. BISHARA CALLED DURING URQUHART'S
CONVERSATION WITH MISSOFF TO ASK ABOUT IDF
WITHDRAWAL BUT HE DID NOT RAISE ISSUE OF
HADDAD'S STATUS. URQUHART COMMENTED THAT BISHARA
AND OTHER ARAB AMBASSADORS IN NEW YORK
(EXCLUDING TUENI) DID NOT SEEM KEYED INTO THE HADDAD/GOL
EXCHANGES AS YET.

5. MOVING ON TO THE NEXT STEPS, URQUHART WONDERED WHAT
THE JUNE 12 ILMAC MEETING WOULD PRODUCE AND HE HOPED
THE ERSKINE MEETING WITH HADDAD SET FOR JUNE 13 AT
MARJ UYUN WOULD SETTLE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS SURROUNDING
THE MODALITIES OF UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT. HE SAID UNNY HAD BEEN
PLANNING TO ISSUE A PROGRESS REPORT COVERING THE
LAST PHASE OF IDF WITHDRAWAL, THE KHOURY/HADDAD
EXCHANGES AND THE STATUS OF THE "GOOD FENCE". WE WERE
ABLE TO REGISTER CONCERN OVER INCLUDING REFERENCES TO
"GOOD FENCE" (JERUSALEM 1594) WITHOUT IN
ANY WAY REFERRING TO OUR EARLIER INFORMATION. IN
SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH JONAH WE WENT FURTHER IN
NOTING CODE WORD ASPECT OF "GOOD FENCE",
VIZ. THAT IT IS AN ISRAELI PHRASE AND

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USE OF IT WOULD BE CERTAIN TO RAISE FUROR WITH
LEBANESE, PALISTINIANS AND OTHER ARABS. JONAH TOOK
POINT AND THOUGHT BORDER ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE
DESCRIBED IN GENERAL TERMS. HOWEVER, BOTH HE AND
URQUHART FEEL STRONGLY THAT SINCE JERUSALEM POST
HAS ALREADY MADE ISSUE OF FUTURE STATUS OF "GOOD FENCE"
THAT UNIFIL, IF IT IS TO HAVE ANY INTEGRITY, CANNOT AVOID
MENTION OF SITUATION ENTIRELY.

6. LASTLY, WE BROACHED QUESTION OF CONTINUING PALES-
TINIAN INFILTRATION, PER STATE 148150. URQUHART AND

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JONAH BOTH REPLIED THAT UNNY DOES NOT
HAVE REPORTS AS YET FROM UNIFIL ON NUMBERS AND
LOCATIONS OF PALESTINIANS. HE SAID THE MOST RECENT
WAS APPROXIMATELY 150 MEN. WHEN WE DEMURRED OVER LOW
ESTIMATE BOTH AGREED IT MIGHT BE LOW BUT EMPHASIZED
THAT UNIFIL IS WELL AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS
PROBLEM. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT UNIFIL HEADQUARTERS
MUST DEAL WITH THIS IMMEDIATELY, JONAH NOTED THAT SETTLING
IN THE NEW CONTINGENTS AND IDF FINAL PHASE OF

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WITHDRAWAL HAVE TAKEN UP LARGE PORTION OF UNIFIL'S
TIME IN RECENT DAYS. YOUNG

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